

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-12 remain pending in the application after cancellation of claims 13 and 14. Applicants note that claim 10 had been previously canceled in the Amendment mailed on September 20, 2004.

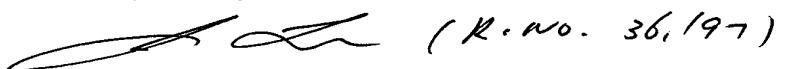
Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-9, 11 and 12.

Claims 13 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Klein (U.S. Patent No. 6,279,125, hereinafter "Klein"). Without passing judgments on the merits of the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have canceled claims 13 and 14 to expedite the prosecution of the present application.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in all aspects in allowable condition. Applicants earnestly solicit favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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